

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Related Applications paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 as follows in marked-up form:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/099,713 filed on June 19, 1998, now abandoned, and claims benefit under Title 35, U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/113,727 filed on December 23, 1998 entitled "Cannula Assembly Having Bend Distal Tip and Methods of Use." This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/933,566, filed September 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,260. This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/891,456, filed July 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,123,725.